

## INFORMATION BULLETIN

### STATE SEISMIC HAZARD MAP ACT

#### **BACKGROUND**

The State Seismic Hazards Mapping Act (AB 1341) was adopted by the state legislature on September 21, 1990 following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. The State Geologist is in the process of providing a complete set of statewide seismic hazard maps that identify areas susceptible to landslides and/ or liquefaction. The purpose of the maps is to protect the health and safety of the public from the effects of strong ground motion caused by earthquakes. Currently the only finalized map for the City of San Jose is the San Jose East Quadrangle. The official map was issued on 1/17/01.

**Beginning 2/5/01 submittals for projects that are located in the Seismic Hazard Zones must include two copies of a geotechnical reports prepared by a certified engineering geologist or a geotechnical engineer, for review and approval by the Building Division.**

The permit center at the time of submittal will inform the applicants whether the project is located in a Seismic Hazard Zone and the contact person information for submittal of the geotechnical report. The map is posted in the lobby of the Building Division permit center for public viewing. The map may be obtained by contacting BPS Reprographics Services at (415) 512-6550, or by accessing the State website at: [http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dmg/shezp/maps/m\\_sjose.htm](http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dmg/shezp/maps/m_sjose.htm).

#### **AFFECTED PROJECTS** \*

**All development projects intended for human occupancy are subject to the report requirements with the exception of the following:**

- New or existing single family dwellings not exceeding two stories, when that dwelling is not part of a development of four or more dwellings.
- Additions to any projects which do not exceed either 50% of the value of the structure or 50% of the existing floor area of the structure.
- Interior or exterior alteration projects which do not involve a change in occupancy.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- A two-hour minimum processing fee will be charged for the review of each report.
- The seismic hazard information regarding a property or parcel that is within a liquefaction or seismic induced landslide area is subject to disclosure by the seller or seller's agent to the potential buyers.

**\* NOTE: All projects must still be required to comply with the Special Geologic Hazard Study Area requirements as per City Ordinance No. 25015 and Building Division Policy No. SJMC 24.02.310-4-94.**